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if you don't vote to suspend the rules that means I have the opportunity to offer amendments, and you fear me. You bet...you better vote for this amend...this motion. You better vote for it. And I'm not using reverse psychology. I have to provoke you. You are the lemmings poised at the edge of the cliff. By the way, if you listen to public radio you will see that studies have been undertaken which show that the lemmings have been given a bum rap. They don't do what people say just for no reason, all clumped together, and run and jump off in the ocean and drown. Sometimes there are periods when there's over population, there are things that drive them to do certain things, but in no case do they do as they have been characterized as having behaved themselves. So any lemmings or relatives of lemmings within the sound of my voice I give a sincere heartfelt apology. I'm just speaking analogously now. The lemmings of the Legislature are poised at the abyss. All I have to do is nudge them over. Senator Hudkins, as the Chair of the Rules Committee, is giving you that opportunity. I'm going to sit back and watch how my colleagues conduct their business. I don't think I'll even comment any further on this because it's beneath me, personally speaking.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to re...reiterate for you why this particular process...why this particular motion was...was filed. Under our rules, as has been interpreted by our leadership, the cloture motion is not available on a rules change, so we can't even use it. So absent that, the only conceivable way of stopping debate, ever, is through a motion to suspend the rules, and of necessity it's before you at the moment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Just briefly, had this been...Mr. Speaker, members of the body, had this been the first motion of the day we would have taken the time we've already taken on some other motions to discuss the rules suspension and the next amendment to the rules that deals with cloture that you're about to have the opportunity to vote on. So even though we aren't going to